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TELEPHONE ALERT

On Monday, January 23, 1995, a telephone technician will be doing an upgrade on our Meridian SL-1 system.

The work will be done after 5:00 p.m., so as not to interrupt telephone service during the day. If the work is not completed on the evening of January 23, the technician will return on the evening of Tuesday, January 24, after 5:00 p.m.

While the work is being completed, Ms. Meridian will not be capable of accepting messages. The technician will "back-up" the system before beginning the work, so that your existing messages will not be affected.

During this installation, the technician may have to discontinue our phone service to complete installation of the upgrade. If this is done, no telephone calls can be made to the Museum. Only Security will be able to use their phone for emergencies. Our public phones will be operational. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Pat Phillips** (x216).

Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW PHYSICIAN ID CARD REMINDER

Effective February 1, 1995, the HMO and PPO paper identification cards, verifying medical coverage, are being replaced by plastic identification cards. These new cards should not be confused with the current plastic prescription drug identification cards, which will continue to be used for verifying prescription drug coverage.

OPEN HOUSE 1995

THANKS to the Finance Department for last week's January Open House. A group of about forty people munched happily on donuts while watching members of the Finance Department do a show-and-tell tour of a purchase requisition's route.

The Open House Committee is presently arranging the 1995 schedule, with one Open House each month. To get your department in the lineup, call **Anita Purnell** (x386).

NOTE: The President's Annual Staff Talk, delivered Thursday, January 19, will be reprinted in next week's *Natural News*.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Steven Grissom** (Security) whose mother passed away Tuesday, January 17, 1995. Services for Mrs. Alma Grissom are to be held in Arkansas.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Dr. Jack Sloan** who died on Tuesday, January 10. Dr. Sloan began his volunteer work in the Division of Mammals in 1988. Under the supervision of Bill Stanley, Dr. Sloan's contributions have included filing the mammal reprint collection, accessing necessary information from the collection data base, and organizing loose specimen tags. He was highly regarded by the Division for his good work and kindly manner, and will be missed by all.

CHICAGO HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY

General Meeting
James Simpson Theatre
Wednesday, January 25, 1995
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Jim Rowan, long-time keeper at Lincoln Park Zoo and a professional wildlife photographer, will be the January speaker. His talk will be "Travels of a Wildlife Photographer" and will take us to Cost Rica, the Galapagos Islands, Amazonian Ecuador, Borneo, and maybe New Zealand. The slide show will include reptiles and arachnids and also birds and other wildlife. Everyone is invited to attend.

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